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LD Construction Spill in Lumberton

TCEQ requested federal assistance in oversight of a RP led oil spill as a result of flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. There was an unknown amount of thick oil product released. This oil product is used prior to the application of asphalt. The TCEQ became aware of the spill on 09/06/17 and has visited the site 3 times since then to check on progress. Today TCEQ requested assistance because the RP has not yet provided adequate response. OSC McAteer has contacted the facility manager to verbally issue a Notice of Federal Interest and will issue in hardcopy tomorrow. OSC McAteer will assess the RP response Thursday morning to decide further action.

Port Arthur Pipeline Spill

On 09/19/17, TCEQ received a report of a waterline break with a sheen on the water at the Port Arthur RV Resort that started on 08/31/17. On 09/20/17, TCEQ drinking water responders arrived on scene and determined the release was not from the city water supply. Texas Railroad Commission and EPA responded to the scene to find that the release flows into a retention pond and potentially to Taylor's Bayou. RRC identified two pipelines that run under the property with no identified RPs; representatives from Motiva Refinery responded to conduct air monitoring and assess; they determined that it was not one of their pipelines. USCG contractors are en route to place boom and sorbent pads until a better assessment and response can be conducted Thursday morning.